# OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING: REGULATION AND COMPETITION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled "Occupational Licensing: Regulation and Competition". Testimony was heard from Maureen Ohlhausen, Acting Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Sarah Allen, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Virginia; and public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 3668, the "SHARE Act". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 210, the "Native American Energy Act"; H.R. 424, the "Gray Wolf State Management Act of 2017"; H.R. 717, the "Listing Reform Act"; H.R. 1274, the "State, Tribal and Local Species Transparency and Recovery Act"; H.R. 2603, the "SAVES Act"; H.R. 3131, the "Endangered Species Litigation Reasonableness Act"; and H.R. 3668, the "SHARE Act".

# CRIMINAL ALIEN GANG MEMBER REMOVAL ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3697, the "Criminal Alien Gang Member Removal Act". The Committee granted, by record vote of 7-3, a closed rule for H.R. 3697. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from September 15, 2017, through September 22, 2017: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 3, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2. Testimony was heard from Representatives Johnson of Louisiana, Lofgren, and Jackson Lee.

# VA MAIL MANAGEMENT: THE CASE OF THE \$11,257 PACKAGE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "VA Mail Management: The Case of the \$11,257 Package". Testimony was heard from John Oswalt, Executive Director for Privacy, Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Lori Rectanus, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

## Joint Meetings

## FREE DIGITAL TRADE

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the dynamic gains from free digital trade for the United States economy, after receiving testimony from Daniel Griswold, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia; Sean Heather, United States Chamber of Commerce, and Daniel A. Sepulveda, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, both of Washington, D.C.; and Nick Quade, Relay Networks Inc., Deephaven, Minnesota.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine transportation innovation, focusing on automated trucks and our Nation's highways, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine expanding and accelerating the deployment and use of carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Daniel J. Kaniewski, of Minnesota, to be Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, 9:55 a.m., SD–342.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine the Office of Management and Budget's memorandum on the Federal workforce, focusing on OMB's ongoing government-wide reorganization, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider H.R. 984, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, S. 1285, to allow the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde

Community of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians to lease or transfer certain lands, and S. 1333, to provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine high risk Indian programs, focusing on progress and efforts in addressing Government Accountability Office recommendations, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

#### House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections; and Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, joint hearing on H.R. 3441, the "Save Local Business Act", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled "Big Relief for Small Business: Legislation Reducing Regulatory Burdens on Small Manufacturers and Other Job Creators", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Modernizing FDA's Regulation of Over-the-Counter Drugs", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, markup on H.R. 1148, the "FAST Act of 2017"; H.R. 2465, the "Steve Gleason Enduring Voices Act of 2017"; H.R. 2557, the "Prostate Cancer Misdiagnosis Elimination Act of 2017"; H.R. 3120, to reduce the volume of future electronic health record-related significant hardship requests; H.R. 3245, the "Medicare Civil and Criminal Penalties Act"; H.R. 3263, to extend the Medicare Independence at Home Medical Practice Demonstration program; and H.R. 3271, the "Protecting Access to Diabetes Supplies Act of 2017", 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled "A Legislative Proposal to Impede North Korea's Access to Finance", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations, hearing entitled "The Future of Democracy and Governance in Liberia", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled "The Venezuela Crisis: The Malicious Influence of State and Criminal Actors", 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled "Sixteen Years After 9/11: Assessing Suspicious Activity Reporting Efforts", 10 a.m., HVC–210.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 210, the "Native American Energy Act"; H.R. 424, the "Gray Wolf State Management Act of 2017"; H.R. 717, the "Listing Reform Act"; H.R. 1274, the "State, Tribal and Local Species Transparency and Recovery Act"; H.R. 2603, the "SAVES Act"; H.R. 3131, the "Endangered Species Litigation Reasonableness Act"; and H.R. 3668, the "SHARE Act", 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, markup on legislation on the Secret Service Re-

cruitment and Retention Act of 2017; legislation on the Presidential Allowance Modernization Act of 2017; H.R. 1701, the "Eliminating Government-funded Oil-painting Act"; H.R. 3019, the "Promoting Value Based Procurement Act of 2017"; legislation on the Reporting Use of Social Media in Clearance Investigations Act of 2017; H.R. 3071, the "Federal Acquisition Savings Act of 2017"; H.R. 2331, the "Connected Government Act"; H.R. 294, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2700 Cullen Boulevard in Pearland, Texas, as the "Endy Ekpanya Post Office Building"; H.R. 452, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 324 West Saint Louis Street in Pacific, Missouri, as the "Specialist Jeffrey L. White, Jr. Post Office"; H.R. 606, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1025 Nevin Avenue in Richmond, California, as the "Harold D. McCraw, Sr., Post Office Building"; H.R. 1207, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 306 River Street in Tilden, Texas, as the "Tilden Veterans Post Office"; H.R. 1208, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9155 Schaefer Road, Converse, Texas, as the "Converse Veterans Post Office Building"; H.R. 1209, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 901 N. Francisco Avenue, Mission, Texas, as the "Mission Veterans Post Office Building"; H.R. 1210, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 W. Goodwin Street, Pleasanton, Texas, as the "Pleasanton Veterans Post Office"; H.R. 1211, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 400 N. Main Street, Encinal, Texas, as the "Encinal Veterans Post Office"; H.R. 1858, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4514 Williamson Trail in Liberty, Pennsylvania, as the "Staff Sergeant Ryan Scott Ostrom Post Office"; H.R. 1950, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 West Pike Street in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, as the "Police Officer Scott Bashioum Post Office Building"; H.R. 2254, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2635 Napa Street in Vallejo, California, as the "Janet Capello Post Office Building"; H.R. 2302, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 259 Nassau Street, Suite 2 in Princeton, New Jersey, as the "Dr. John F. Nash, Jr. Post Office"; H.R. 2464, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 New Chardon Street Lobby in Boston, Massachusetts, as the "John Fitzgerald Kennedy Post Office"; H.R. 2815, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 30 East Somerset Street in Raritan, New Jersey, as the "Sergeant John Basilone Post Office"; H.R. 2873, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 207 Glenside Avenue in Wyncote, Pennsylvania, as the "Staff Sergeant Peter Taub Post Office Building"; H.R. 3109, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1114 North 2nd Street in Chillicothe, Illinois, as the "Sr. Chief Ryan Owens Post Office Building"; H.R. 3230, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 915 Center Avenue in Payette, Idaho, as the "Harmon

Killebrew Post Office Building"; and H.R. 3369, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 225 North Main Street in Spring Lake, North Carolina, as the "Howard B. Pate, Jr. Post Office", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Serving Small Businesses: Examining the Effectiveness of HUBZone Reforms", 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Sub-committee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled "Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Economic Development Stakeholders' Perspectives", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on H.R. 1721, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate at least one city in the United States each year as an "American World War II City", and for other purposes; H.R. 1900, the "National Veterans Memorial and Museum Act"; H.R. 3122, the "Veterans Care Financial Protection Act of 2017"; H.R. 3656, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a consistent eligibility date for provision of Department of Veterans Affairs me-

morial headstones and markers for eligible spouses and dependent children of veterans whose remains are unavailable; H.R. 3657, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide headstones and markers for the graves of spouses and children of veterans who are buried in tribal cemeteries; and legislation on the Veterans Fair Debt Notice Act of 2017; and a legislation on the Veterans Fair Debt Notice Act of 2017, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3729, the "Comprehensive Operations, Sustainability, and Transport Act of 2017"; H.R. 3727, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to include additional telehealth services for purposes of MA organization bids, and for other purposes; H.R. 3726, the "Stark Administrative Simplification Act of 2017"; H.R. 2824, the "Increasing Opportunity through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act"; and H.R. 2792, the "Control Unlawful Fugitive Felons Act of 2017", 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled "IRS Reform: Resolving Taxpayer Disputes", 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.